POTOMAC FLATS.

Report of Maj. Hains on the Condition of Affairs in Washington Harbor.

Seven Tenths of the Entire Flats Raised Three Feet Above High Tide,

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Maj. Peter C. Hains, in charge of the work of improving the Potomac flats and the harbors of Washington and Georgelows, submitted his report to Gen. Wright yesterday of the operations for November and the probable operations for November and the probable operations for the present month. It states that during the past month the work of dredging the Virginia channel and depositing the material on the Potomac flats in front of the city has been continued under the contract with F. sanford Ross.

One clam-shell dredge has worked steadily at the end of each tramway loading cars, while six other dredges have worked in the claumed. The latter work by day only, the former night and day, whenever the dredgings from the coannel come in sufficient quantities to justify it.

The total amount excavated from the Virginia channel above the long bridge during the mouth was 56,016 cubic yards, from below long bridge, 47,535 cubic yards, from below long bridge the month, 103,546 cubic yards, The amount is somewhat below that of last month, and is parily due to the stormy weather during a part of the month.

The total amount of material excavated and deposition yards. This is sufficient to rhise about seventy acres of the flats to a meignt of three feet above ordinary high tide or six feet alove overflow acrodinary high tide or six feet above mean low tide. In reality, however, the area above overflow acrodinary high tide or six feet above mean low tide. In reality, however, the area shove overflow acrodinary high tide or six feet above mean low tide. In reality, however, the area shove overflow acrodinary high tide or six feet above mean low tide from the deep water near Glesboro' point is progressing slowly, tudder a cubic s

The rock has been found to be much harder The rock has been found to be much astror than was expected, and consequently more time is spent in excavating it.

It was intended to have put a dredge on the work to remove the loose rock of the blasting, but as this has not yet been done, all the pieces on the bottom have to be handled by the diver—a slow remease.

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Some difficulty in drilling blast holes has been encountered, owing to the numerous seams in the rock, which render it difficult to properly direct the drill. Two or three times the drill shaft has been broken from this cause.

Up to the present time about 140 cubic yards of rock have been excavated and landed at the wharf at Easby's point. This rock will be available for making concrete or for other purposes connected with the improvement of the river. To facilitate its handling, a short line of trainway which was on hand was laid from the wharf to the solid ground.

The final exemination of "group A" has not yet been made. This will be done with a sweep. The drill has been moved to "group." opposite the g street wharf, and work on that is now if progress.

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During this mouth the removal of the rocks in Georgesown harbor will be continued under the same contract unless the formation of ice should necessitate a stoppage.

During the present mouth also the dredging of the Virginia channel and depositing of the dredgings on the flars will be continued under the contract with Mr. Ross as long as the weather will permit, and if practicable all the winter.

Mr. Ross has under consideration the advisability of putting an electric light on two of his most powerful dredges that work on the channel and running them night and day.

The work under contract with Mr. Thomas P. Mogus was continued, that under Mr. Somers commenced.

RECEPTION TO MRS. FOSTER.

The Distinguished Temperance Orator Entertained at the Temple Cafe.

The pleasant parlors of the Temple hotel were filled with a notable company last evening at a reception given by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. La Fetra to Mrs. J. Ellen Foster, the elequent temperance adocate of lowa. The rooms were very insteadily decorated with American flags and green intertwined. Facing the door was the word "Welcome." On the walls were conspicuous portraits of Mrs. Fosier, Miss Frances E. Willard, the president of the National Woman's Christian Temperance union; Mrs. Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Mrs. R. B. Hayes. On the south wall of the room was inscribed the watch cry of lows republicanism during the late campaign—"A school house on every bill and no saloon in the valley."

The guests arrived after 9 o'clock at the close of during the late campaign—"A school house on every hill and no saloon in the valley."

The guests arrived after 9 o'clock at the close of Mrs. Fester's address in the Foundry M. E. church. After refreshments were served Mrs. Roach, on behalf of the friends, presented a basket of flowers to Miss Willard, who insid arrived during the evening, and Mr. B. H. Warner presented a basket of flowers to Mrs. Foster. The speeches and responses were very fitting and well received.

Among those present were Mr. Will Foster, of the Albany law school; Mrs. G. R. Alden ("Pansey"); Rev. G. R. Alden, Hon. F. A. Johnson, of New York; Mrs. Blair, Hon. R. B. Vance, of North Carolina; Col. Bryant, of Atlanta; B. H. Warner and wife, Theodore Harding and wife, Mrs. E. M. Marble, Mr. Frank Stickney and wife, Rev. S. M. Hartsock and wife, H. A. Hali and wife, Mrs. E. M. Marble, Mr. Hon. Mr. Weller, of lowa; Mrs. Sportord, F. M. Bradley and wife, Mrs. Sheldon, Rev. Power, and Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon, Rev. Power, and Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon, Rev. Power, and Mr. and Mrs. Landon.

THE APOLLO CLUB CONCERT.

An Amateur Entertainment Rendered with High Professional Skill.

The opening concert of the Apollo club given last evening at Lincoln hall may be set down as last evening at Lincoln hall may be set down as one of the musical events of the season. The audience was a large and appreciative one, the programme well selected, and, the orderstra being composed of thirty-live picked musicians, it is unnecessary to say that the orchestral numbers were rendered with precision and exactness. The selection of the second number (Kruger's who song) as the introductory number for the club is all the more to be deplored, because the apprent lack of vivacity in the composition itself seemed to be brought out all the more strong; by the absence of some of the tenor voices of the club and the indisposition of others. Prof. Kasper's violin solos (De Beriot's seventh concerto, with Schubert's reverie for an encore) were unexceptional and warmly applauded. Mr. Frank M. Pearson, the basso, who rendered Kimball's "In Absence" very finely under orchestral accompaniment, refused to respond to repeated encores. In the closing number of the first part, Auber's "Reconciliation," Mr. A. S. Kennedy took the place of Mr. J. H. Kalser, who was suffering from a severe cold, Mr. James F. Rule singing the tenor solos.

The second part was opened by the club with the splendfdly sung composition, "The Rider" (Marschner), and "The Certurbian" for an encore. Miss Eva Mills displayed her clear, pure, high notes to fine advantage in Tita Mattel's "Che Giola," and, in response to the recalt, sang "But, then, what could i de?" The closing number, and perhaps the best rendered of all, was "Salamis—war song of the Greeks," by Gernstein, the harmonlous martial strains of which were trought out in its vocal and instrumen all parts with line effect. one of the musical events of the season. The

A Union Church Christian Dinner. An enthusiastic meeting was held last evening in the Sunday school room of the Metropolitan in the Sunday school room of the Metropolitan Presbyterian church by reprise attainers from the congregations of the Eastern Prosbyterian, Metropolitan Bantist, Metropolitan Presbyterian churches, and the Church of the Reformation for the purpose of getting up a Christmas dinner for the purpose of getting up a Christmas dinner for the poor children of this section. Mr. Robert Leitch presided and Mr. H. K. Eimpson acted as secretary. The following committee was appointed to confer with the committees of the other churches and perference are strangements; Mr. Fred, Grant, Misses Louise van Boren and Mr. Fred, Grant, Misses Louise van the readence of Mr. Frant, 228 A street southess t. Contributions will be solicited from the congregation of each church.

The Real Estate Brokers. A meeting was held at the office of M T. E. Waggaman, the real estate broker, of prominent real estate agents last night. The meeting was called for the purpose of takin, action in regard to the decision of the commissioners about real e-tale licenses. The subject was discussed by all present, and the general sentiment seemed to be in at the remedy lay with congress. The chair-man, Mr. Waggaman, was authorized to appoint a committee to investigate the matter. The commi-tee will be appointed some time this week.

The Mass Meeting To-Night. The Clan-on-Gael association has invited every senator and representative in congress to be present at the O'Donnell indignation meeting at Ford's opera house to-night.

The Energetic Mr. Belmont. Gen. Resecrates, chairman of the democratic caucus committee of the house, denies emphatically that he has been embarrassed by the secre-tary of the caucus committee, Mr. Belmont, in calling a conference of representatives to consider

what legislation shall be brought up during the present session. He says that the postpolement of the cancus was his own act, as he thought it alvisable to wait until the speaker had designated his committees before mapping out any plan of action.

DELTA KAPPA EPSILON.

This Society. The call issued for a meeting of the members of the Delta Kappa Eastlon fraternity at the Arling-

the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity at the Arlington last night was responded to by some thirty or more gentlemen representing fourteen chapters of that order. A temporary organization was effected by the election of Hon, H. A. Herbert, of Alabama, as chairman, and E. F. Waite, secretary, Steps were taken toward forming a permanent alumni association.

The following committees were appointed: On reunion and banquet—Hon, Randali Gilson, Hon, Frank H. Hurd, Hon, John D. Long, Hon, Perry Belmond, Dr. Charles Warren, Edward A. Paid, Frank J. Woodman, Edward F. Waite, and William G. Webster. On permanent organization—Hon, D. A. Alexander, Francis Millor, F. W. Lautz, E. F. Waite, and W. G. Webster. The D. K. E. has long been one of the leading American college fraternities. It has alumni associations in the large cities, and Washington showed last night that its members were many who welcome this movement.

The Anthropological Society. The Anthropological society met last evening in the army medical museum, Col. Garrick Mallery, U. S. A., president, in the chair. Mr. Petry B. Plerce, of the United States patent office, was elected to active membership. Prof. Cyrus Thomas, of the bureau of exhanlegy, read a paper on the "Houses of the Mound Builders." the deductions of the spraker being based on his recent explorations. Prof. Thomas strendously maintains that the mounds are not the relics of a lost race, but that they are the works of the ancestors of the modern indians. Iron and other evidences of contact with the whites are found with the dead at the very bottom of the tumulius, and associated with the oldest rolics. The houses of the mound builders have long since perished, and we are driven to study indications offered in the sah-pits, low mounds, and rings found in various piaces, especially in Tennessee. Here we seem to be in the presence of relics, which must have been the homes of the mound-builders, but which may have been the wigwams of modern ladians. Forther researches of Prof. Thomas have discovered mounds, in which are large masses of burnt day, charred logs, locust posts, and relics of art, which throw light on the ancient mode of living. The early writers describe the houses of the Pawness and other ribes, which seem to have resembled perfectly the houses whose remains are found in the mounds.

The place was discussed by Maj. Powell, who gave a minute account of the houses of the many tribes among whom he had traveled, Mr. Blodgett, Prof. Mason, and Prof. S. H. Scudder, editor of Science. The Anthropological society met last evening in the army medical museum, Col. Garrick Mallery

The District in Congress. In the senate yesterday was introduced a bill directing the auditor of the district to issue to Melina G. Dolan two duplicate certificates of the board of

G. Doian two duplicate certificates of the beard of audit, which were stolen from her, for the sums of \$75.34 and for \$18.80.

A bill was introduced by Mr. Vance, regulating the sale and devise of real estate in the district. It provides that all grants, devises, and other conveyances of lands, tenements, or hereditaments to two or more persons, excepting the case of trustees, shall be constructed to be tenancles in common, and not joint tenancies, unless a contrary intention is expressed in the instrument of conveyance and otherwise, and simplifies the process of conveyance.

Mr. Hoar introduced a bill for the protection of children in the district. He said the bill was drawn by a society of Washington which claims that there is no law here for the adequate protection of the little ones or for the punishment of crimes against children.

Mr. Groome relutroduced in the senate the old bill authorizing the Washington and Atlautic rairroad to enter Washington. It is the bill providing that the road shall come into the city via the Pennsylvania railroad track.

The president of the senate appointed Senator Doiph, of Oregon, a director of the Columbia heapital, in place of Mr. Rollins, of New Hampshire, whose term has expired.

Readings at Gurley Chapel. Readings at Gurley Chapel.

The young people of Gurley chapel, Boundary street, between Sixth and Seventh, gave an entertainment last night for the beneft of that church. Prof. C. H. A. Bulkley, of Howard university, read from Dickens's "Little Bombey," and "Bob Sawyer's Party," while "Lullaby" and 'London Bridge' were beautifully rendered by Miss Roberts, of Le Droit park.

A children's Christmas club will be organized by School Trustee Appleton P. Clark at the Pea-body school building at the close of school this afternoon. Parents and friends are invited to

PERSON AL.

The change is reported in the condition of Mr. J. Louis Ford, who is seriously ill. Hon. Charles O Neill, of Peunsylvania, is at 1326 New York avenue for the season.

E. J. Bush and bride, Custon, Iowa, and Thomas B. Reed and family, Maine, are at the Hamilton. Ex-Gov. Lowe, of whose serious illness men-tion was made yesterday, was resting somewhat easier last evening.

W. J. Armstrong, New York; A. G. Smith, Providence; J. W. Russell, New York, and H. F. Page, California, are at the Harris house.

P. Delphy; George E. Buckley and I. W. Suber, Philadelphia, Pa.; J. A. Wellensick, York, Pa.; L. A. Rosenthal and E. W. Spier, New York, are at the St. Marc.

R. M. Barr, of this city, who distinguished him-self as pitcher of the Allegheny Base Bail club last season, was presented by his friends in Pittsburg with a magnificent diamond ring last week. Mme. Kasper has been sick with whooping cough for the past four weeks, and compelled to give up her engagements that have accrued during that period to Miss Glara Baker, who meets them in her stead.

H. C. Watson and wife, New Jersey; George E. Bowdon, Virginia; W. W. Ker, Philadelphia; O. W. Budd, U. S. A.; James Platt, England; H. P. Howeil, Philadelphia, and George W. Moore, Baltimore, are at the Ebbitt.

R. Paterson, Ohio; Frank Kendall, Colorado; Ed P. Boyle, New York; H. M. Bennett, Delaware; Emory Carpenter and family, Florida; John Brice, J. Wesley Jones and wife, New York; Henry W. Moulton, Massachusetts, are at the St. James. John Mahnken, A. B. Conger, Wm. Welchman, H. R. Palmer, R. W. Haywood, New York; James Basler, Pennsylvania; J. S. Carr, North Carolina, M. E. McDowell, G. H. Lang, Philadelphia; J. C. Underwood, Kentucky, and J. S. Kiger, New Jersey, are at Willard's.

E. T. Browa, Dayton, Ohio; L. A. Harris, Cincinnati; Samuel W. Pennybacker, Philadelphia; Wallace Stevenson, Nebraska, A. J. Kaufman, Pennsylvania; D. J. Duffy, Tennessee; M. T. Mc-Mahon, New York; Gen. George B. McClellan, New Jersey, are at the Riggs.



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> The New Dime Museum. The new dime inneous opened at Seaton hall Monday night has met with marked success, and programme is presented, willie the curiosities are remarkable and interesting. Two performances are given, one in the atternoon and the other at night.

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